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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:  
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The Honorable Bobby J. Hopewell  
 Mayor of Kalamazoo  
 241 West South Street  
 Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007-4796

Dear Mayor Hopewell:

Thank you for your involvement in the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, particularly Allied Landfill. As a part of our ongoing communications regarding the Site, including your July 25, 2014 letter to me, you asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency whether alternative treatment technologies could provide a viable remedy at Allied Landfill that neither leaves waste in place nor requires off-site disposal. The Superfund law includes a preference for remedies that employ treatment as a principal element and a bias against off-site disposal of untreated waste.

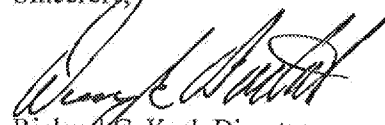
My staff consulted with EPA's national experts in order to expand on the treatment technology evaluation conducted as part of the Allied Landfill feasibility study. During a September 18, 2014 meeting those experts shared with you their assessment that there are no existing or emerging technologies that would provide a viable alternative.

As part of this expanded evaluation, EPA evaluated the PulverDryer technology and visited the facility in Battle Creek, Michigan. However, EPA does not believe this technology is a feasible cleanup option for Allied Landfill, though it may have applications at other Superfund sites. We plan to have further discussions with PulverDryer about their technology and potential applications in our program.

I have enclosed two memos. The first is the final assessment from EPA's national experts on the applicability of PCB treatment technologies at Allied Landfill, including an evaluation of the PulverDryer technology. The second memo from CH2M Hill, EPA's support contractor, evaluates the cost estimate presented by PulverDryer during the facility tour.

If you have further questions on these matters, please contact Michael Berkoff of my staff at (312) 353-8983 or myself at (312) 353-9773.

Sincerely,

*for*   
 Richard C. Karl, Director  
 Superfund Division

Enclosures